

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Susan Burgess Miller.

Information: Bureau staff asked Applicant to provide more information about the clients of her consulting business, Complex Culture Change Consulting, LLC. Applicant reported that in the past two years the firm has had one client, Aerospace Education Research and Operations (AERO) Institute in Palmdale, California. She described this entity as a consortium of federal, state, and local governments, industry, and academic institutions, including Ames Research Center, Dresden Flight Research Center, the City of Palmdale, and the California Space Grant Consortium. AERO's mission is to enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics research and education. A review of AERO's website indicates that it works with the consortium's member organizations to provide varied educational programs such as a six-week course on airborne science research for grade 7-12 teachers who specialize in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, and a 1-day workshop for local eighth grade students, hosted by Antelope Valley College, affording students a chance to explore career opportunities in fields related to math and science. AERO also works with consortium members to facilitate research projects like the Nanotechnology Lab Pilot Project in which post-doctoral students work with industry researchers to research, develop, and test new materials and fabrications for aerospace applications.

As noted in the "Activities" section of her supplemental application, Applicant serves as an uncompensated member of the Board of Directors of the West Side Park Mutual Water Company, Inc. This is a private business owned by shareholders. Applicant was appointed to the board by other board members and is not compensated for her services, which includes being 'webmaster' of the company's website.

In the "Financial Contributions" section of the supplemental application, Applicant reported making contributions to several organization. Two of those organizations, which may be less recognizable are NARAL and World Impact. NARAL (the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League), to which Applicant reported contributing \$300 in 2008, is a pro-choice organization which, according to its website, is dedicated to protecting women's access to safe,

legal abortion and working on ways to help reduce the need for abortion such as improving access to birth control. World Impact, to which Applicant reported contributing \$3,595 in 2009, is, according to its website, a Christian missionary organization dedicated to ministering God's love in the inner cities of America. Among its activities are: administering Christian elementary and middle schools; providing emergency food, clothing, medicine, and shelter to the needy; conducting Christian camping trips and retreats; providing job training and tutoring; conducting sports and recreation programs; and providing medical and dental clinics.

Bureau staff contacted James W.M. Charlton, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Mr. Charlton confirmed the information in the letter and in response to questioning added that he has had several conversations with Applicant about the importance of being "politic" and about listening to stakeholders "all the way" in various contexts. From these conversations, Mr. Charlton was impressed by Applicant's success in bringing together people with varied interests, experience, and demands to achieve common goals.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations

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